

In the Iowa Supreme Court

**In the Matter of Amendments to)
Chapters 39, 41, and 42 of the Iowa)
Court Rules Regarding Exempt and)
Retired Attorney License Status)**

CLERK SUPREME COURT
Order

The Iowa Supreme Court approves amendments to chapters 39, 41, and 42 of the Iowa Court Rules that divide the existing exempt license classification for Iowa attorneys into two separate classifications. The amendments create a new retired license classification for fully retired attorneys. The exempt license classification remains for attorneys who are inactive in Iowa but want to retain the ability to reinstate to active status. The court adopts an annual fee and report for exempt attorneys to facilitate tracking exempt lawyers and to support the Client Security Trust Fund. The new statuses are available prospectively and include a five-year period of conversion privileges for attorneys currently in exempt status.

Provided with this order is a memorandum from the Director of the Office of Professional Regulation that explains the rule changes, how the exempt and retired statuses are separated, aspects of transitioning to the new rules (*see* rule 39.7(4) transition provisions for exempt status and rule 41.13(2) transition provisions for retired status), and the general plan for implementation of the new rules.

The court adopts the amendments to chapters 39, 41, and 42 in Division III of the Iowa Court Rules as provided with this order.

These amendments will be effective September 1, 2016, except that the amendments to Iowa Court Rules 39.7(1), 39.7(2), 41.7, 41.13(1), and 42.6 will be effective January 1, 2018.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2016.

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By Mark S. Cady
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